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## Editorial

# “Easy to Teach”

A SOLDIER at the Servicemen's Conference, describing Joseph Smith, among other apt expressions, said of him that he was “easy to teach.”

That impressed us as a good and sound appraisal of one of the prophet's prominent attributes. Think of him as “easy to teach” helps to account for the fact that he learned so much in such a short time.

One of the impressive aspects of Joseph Smith's career is to observe his readiness to learn and his willingness to listen to his teachers. From the beginning of his career he showed a strong desire to know more than he knew. Ever of an inquiring mind, he kept his mind open to receive ideas from his heavenly teachers.

Associated with this disposition was his readiness to accept and to apply what he learned, and to share it with others.

Many of the greatest lessons he learned were in association with companions like Oliver Cowdery and Sidney Rigdon.

Throughout his career he seemed to keep a relaxed quality of mind, free from proneness to resist or to doubt. Always he seemed to retain inquisitiveness as the prominent feature of his mental processes.

One question led to another and his willingness to listen and to learn accounts for the rapidity, ease and unusual degree of his learning.

He seems to have learned very rapidly while he was engaged in translating the Book of Mormon. Whenever he wanted to understand better what he was translating, he inquired of the Lord in prayer. One after another of the revelations he received came as a result of these inquiries.

The Book of Mormon seems to have been the generator of his questions. It may be called his “textbook.”

As he received instructions, he made a record of his learnings. Later these were published as the book of Doctrine and Covenants. This book then, may be called the prophet's “notebook”.

Together these books and the open-minded and inquiring attitude of Joseph Smith and his practice of prayer suggest how a prophet was educated.

To the degree that we use these books and follow his example of being “easy to teach” and ready to learn, we can grow in understanding of the truths which were restored to the knowledge of men through him.

A.H.R.

## ADAM S. BENNION

(See Cover)

ON April 6th, 1953, Elder Adam S. Bennion was sustained a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

Elder Bennion brings to his new position a vast experience gleaned from long years of service to education, business and civic enterprises. He is first and foremost a champion of youth and skilled in the problems of the young people.

He is well known throughout the west where he has been much in demand as a public speaker. For more than 38 years he has served as a member of the Deseret Sunday School Union Board and in this capacity has travelled widely among the stakes. In this assignment his skill in the field of teaching and its related subjects has been a power for good and his enthusiasm has been a motivating force for advancement of the great Sunday School cause.

In 1928 Elder Bennion began a long service with the Utah Power and Light Company. His first assignment was personnel director, then he became assistant to the president and since 1945 has been vice-president of the company. His assignment has been to direct the firm's stockholder, employee and public relations.

Elder Bennion was born of pioneer parentage in Taylorsville, Utah, December 2nd, 1886. His father, Joseph Bennion died when he was less than two years old. His mother, Mary Ann Sharp Bennion, was left to support her

young son and his five sisters.

In his early youth Adam Bennion was active in sports and took part frequently in track competition in which he excelled. A graduate of the University of Utah in 1908, he continued on with his education with periods of teaching in between to help with the finances.

His master's degree was secured from Columbia University in 1912, and in 1923 he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of California.

His Church career has for the most part been devoted to the Sunday School Board and Church education, though in early years he served in Sunday Schools and M.I.A. of Taylorsville and the Granite Stake. He was named to the General Sunday School Board in 1915 and his services there have been continuous.

Elder Bennion has given much service in civic affairs. He is a past chairman of the Salt Lake County Chapter, American Red Cross, and the Salt Lake Community Chest; a past vice-president of the Utah State Symphony organization and a former member of the University of Utah Board of Regents.

Elder Bennion was married in the Salt Lake Temple, September 14th, 1911, to Minerva Young. They have five children: Mrs. Ralph (Phyllis) Stohl; Adam Y. Bennion; Richard Y. Bennion; Mrs. Wallace (Marion) Rogers; and Edmund Y. Bennion.

# COME UNTO JESUS

by Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve  
(October Conference Address)

**P**RESIDENT McKay, my brethren and sisters, and friends: This is a wonderful conference. The Spirit of the Lord is here; and your sustaining faith and fellowship add to His power. Together we witness to the world that this is God's Church.

I should be ungrateful and ungracious if I did not express appreciation for the blessings of the last six months. In a varied career, these months have been rich beyond compare with anything else in my life. The kindness of friends has kept a lump in my throat most of the time, and in the spirit of what Brother Cowley has just said, I am here today, thanks to the answer to prayer. It is an inspiring thing to be ordained to this office by the President of this Church—prophet, seer, and revelator. That day I shall never forget.

But in the complications that attached to trying to leave one job and under the pressure that attaches to this one, I was brought low, and I lay for five days unable to move. I have had pains in my life, but I think these were a little more excruciating than anything I had known. For the first time in my life, I was wholly unable to move. Now if Brother Lee will pardon this personal mention: he, with these other brethren, are men of God. He was good enough to come into my home. He could

bear you witness of my helplessness, and in part, of my pain. I asked him for a blessing, which he gave in the power that is his. I am a living witness to you today, and I bear my testimony humbly and gratefully, the next morning, after a night's peaceful rest, I arose and walked. I bear you my witness that God still administers in the affairs of man, and his servants bearing the priesthood are our greatest physicians.

When I listened to that statesmanlike declaration this morning of Brother (Stephen L) Richards, I wished that I might have the genius to draw upon the same source of inspiration, to bring to the individual member of this Church some things I have been pondering in recent weeks.

Life was never meant to be a holiday. It has its problems and its perplexities and its crises. When we are children, we turn to our parents for sustaining help. Growing into maturity, we turn to our fellow men and our leaders. All my life I have turned to one other source—a source which I want to commend to you. You have had it. I hope you will keep it always and cherish it.

The Master of mankind came to teach us how to live, and He died that we might be resurrected to live forever. I find my

finest challenge, as I find my finest hope, as I turn to him to ask, "What would He have me to do?"

Tribute has been paid to our leaders, and I wouldn't flatter them, but I should like to express an appreciation. Would you come to understand what Jesus taught, what His pattern of life is, then I beg you to contemplate the life of our President. For forty years I have been associated with him and have felt of his spirit. He is the Christian ideal—a man who has the capacity to translate into daily action the sublime truths of Him who is the Redeemer of mankind.

A few weeks back I had the privilege of listening to a choir, much like this choir today and of the last two days. It thrilled me so that their singing I cannot forget. You have sung their song; you recall its wonderful words:

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast:  
But sweeter far thy face to see  
And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing nor heart can  
frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest  
name,  
O Saviour of mankind!

Oh hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To these who fall how kind thou  
art!  
How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be:  
Jesus, be thou our glory now  
And through eternity.

—Bernard of Clairvaux

My brethren and sisters, out across the tomorrows, in the problems that confront you, I commend to you the life and the thought of Jesus Christ. In these brief minutes all that I can hope to do is to give a glimpse of one or two things in His life, a suggestion as to one or two things that He taught, and then the subsequent witness that comes to us because we are Latter-day Saints. Whatever your bringing up may have been, whatever your circumstances may now be, please remember these things: Jesus was born away from home, to be cradled in a manger. I think only the mothers here can fully appreciate what that means. He was born the Only Begotten of the Father, and if there may be those who have difficulty in reconciling their understanding that He was not born of Joseph, I beg of you to remember that He was to be the Author of the resurrection, made possible because of the divinity that was in Him, born into Him, and magnified throughout all His existence.

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40.) I have always been impressed with His great awakening at twelve. "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Ibid., 2:47.)

And then as President McKay pointed out in reference to His great temptation. After forty days you remember He came back, and he "... returned in the power of the Spirit..." (Ibid., 4:14) to carry forward His great ministry.

In the last six months I have

read and re-read the gospels. Having been called to be a witness to Him, I made my resolution that I should begin by coming a little more fully to understand Him and His message. You remember that "He went about teaching and preaching and doing good." What He did—and what He preached—constitute the gospels. Out of them all, let me name ten which you may well ponder:

1. The Beatitudes, first of all, which in nine short verses present one of the most comprehensive statements ever given to the world:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before

you." (Matthew 5:3-12.)

2. The Golden Rule, than which there has never been devised a better principle for human relations or for the guidance of the individual life:

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." (Ibid. 7:12.)

3. The Lord's Prayer, patterned for all mankind, sung beautifully yesterday, couched in sixty-six words:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (Ibid., 6:9-13.)

4. The spirit of the Second Mile:

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." (Ibid., 5:41.)

5. His idea of forgiveness hinted in the phrase:

"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." (Ibid., 18:21-22.)

6. "Judge not, that ye be not judged.

For with what judgment ye

judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." (Ibid., 7:1-5.)

7. "... where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Ibid., 6:21.)

8. "... seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Ibid., 6:33.)

9. That challenging remark to all parents:

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Ibid., 7:20.)

10. Already hinted here this morning under our limitations of mortality, but the ideal is there:

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Ibid., 5:48.)

And I have named only ten. Would you catch the spirit of them further, I suggest that you compile and re-read the thirty-odd parables. And then if you want to be stirred, stirred all the way through, read with these parables, the same number of miracles, and you will come in some measure to catch the spirit of this great Soul.

It is singularly tragic that after all He did for the blessing of mankind, He should be led to Calvary. The Master of mankind suffered the cruelest death

known to men. And whatever our difficulty may be, He can always stand by and say without putting it into words, "All that you suffer, I, too, have suffered, and more." That is why it is so wonderful, as one of my soldier friends wrote me, out in the wastes of Alaska, against the odds of military service, "It's so wonderful always to have someone speak over your shoulder who understands."

That were enough for any man, but as Latter-day Saints we have two other witnesses which I needn't take the time to expand. If anybody in all the world should appreciate the Master of mankind, it ought to be Latter-day Saints. Here we have in our Book of Mormon the account of His appearance to those people who had left the Old World six hundred years before He was born, with a remnant who had gone far earlier, how He appeared to them, and the glory of it all is that He appeared after He had been resurrected. You will read it one day in Third Nephi. If you want to be touched and inspired this day, I suggest before it closes, you turn to the eleventh chapter, and in fancy sit with that multitude who had gathered in the land of Bountiful, and have Him appear, because He came to declare Himself, and the Father attended Him and they heard His voice saying:

"Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him." (3 Nephi 11:7.)

"And now it came to pass that there were a great multitude gathered together, of the people of Nephi, round about the temple

which was in the land Bountiful; and they were marvelling and wondering one with another, and were showing one to another the great and marvellous change which had taken place.

And they were also conversing about this Jesus Christ, of whom the sign had been given concerning his death.

And it came to pass that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice as if it came out of heaven; and they cast their eyes round about, for they understood not the voice which they heard; and it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice; nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice it did pierce them that did hear to the centre, insomuch that there was not part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul, and did cause their hearts to burn.

And it came to pass that again they heard the voice, and they understood it not.

And again the third time they did hear the voice, and did open their ears to hear it; and their eyes were towards the sound thereof; and they did look steadfastly towards heaven, from whence the sound came.

And behold, the third time they did understand the voice which they heard; and it said unto them:

Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him.

And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and he was

clothed in a white robe; and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people saying:

Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.

And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands, and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by

one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.

And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:

Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him." (Ibid., 11:1-17.)

And if you are inspired to do a little more reading this same evening, turn over to the seventeenth chapter:

"Have ye any that are sick among you? Bring them hither. Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner? Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; my bowels are filled with mercy.

For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem, for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you.

And it came to pass that when he had thus spoken, all the multitude, with one accord, did go forth with their sick and their afflicted, and their lame, and with their blind, and with their dumb, and with all them that were afflicted in any manner; and he did heal them every one as they were brought forth unto him.

And they did all, both they who had been healed and they

who were whole, bow down at his feet, and did worship him; and as many as could come for the multitude did kiss his feet, inso-much that they did bathe his feet with their tears.

And it came to pass that he commanded that their little children should be brought.

So they brought their little children and set them down upon the ground round about him, and Jesus stood in the midst; and the multitude gave way till they had all been brought unto him.

And it came to pass that when they had all been brought, and Jesus stood in the midst, he commanded the multitude that they should kneel down upon the ground.

And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon the ground, Jesus groaned within himself, and said, Father, I am troubled because of the wickedness of the people of the house of Israel.

And when he had said these words, he himself also knelt upon the earth; and behold he prayed unto the Father, and the things which he prayed cannot be written, and the multitude did bear record who heard him.

And after this manner do they bear record: The eye hath never seen, neither hath the ear heard, before, so great and marvellous things as we saw and heard Jesus speak unto the Father;

And no tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvellous things as we both saw and heard Jesus speak; and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard him pray for us unto the Father.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, he arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude that they were overcome.

And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise.

And they arose from the earth, and he said unto them: Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold, my joy is full.

And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.

And when he had done this he wept again;

And he spake unto the multitude, and said unto them: Behold your little ones.

And as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw the heavens open, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire; and the angels did minister unto them." (Ibid., 17: 7-24.)

Add to all this the manifestation of this same Jesus to the boy prophet in our own day. Remind yourselves of that great vision:

"At length I came to the conclusion that I must either remain in darkness and confusion, or else I must do as James directs, that is, ask of God. I at length came to the determination to "ask of God," concluding that if he gave wisdom to them

that lacked wisdom, and would give liberally, and not upbraid, I might venture.

So, in accordance with this, my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt. It was on the morning of a beautiful, clear day, early in the spring of eighteen hundred and twenty. It was the first time in my life that I had made such an attempt, for amidst all my anxieties I had never as yet made the attempt to pray vocally.

After I had retired to the place where I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desire of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame me, and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction.

But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction—not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvellous power as I had never before felt in any being—just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

It no sooner appeared than I

found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—**This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!**” (P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:13-17.)

We have His record in the gospels. We have His visitation in Third Nephi. And our Church rests upon the fact that He has come to declare the everlasting gospel to us in our day and to restore it. I give you my witness that He has so restored it. I join with these brethren here, the honour of whose association I have from week to week, in that testimony. New among them, I bear you witness they are strong men; they are men of

God; and you can with full heart sustain them.

Now in the resolution of your heart let me challenge you:

Ninety and nine are with dreams content,

But the hope of a world made new

Is the hundredth man who is grimly bent

On making that dream come true.

God put it in your heart, to be the hundredth man who brings himself and his family close to the Master of mankind, the guide and the inspiration of us all, into whose presence one day we hope to return, with all the loved ones whom He has redeemed. I pray His blessings upon you, in His holy name.

Amen.

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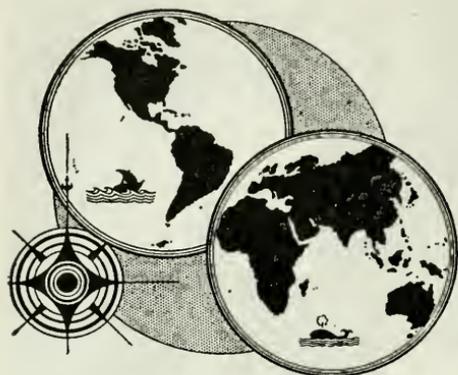


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Bottom: President A. H. Reiser, and Dewey Nelson, Servicemen's Co-ordinator, with Sisters Muriel Thole and Gillian Halliday, Missionaries sponsored by the Servicemen.

# THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD



**P**RESIDENT David O. McKay, continued to spotlight the news this month with his history making flight over four continents. After leaving British Mission President, A. Hamer Reiser, at Dakar, French Africa, President and Sister McKay flew to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where their son, Robert R. McKay, a former missionary to South America, and President Asael T. Sorenson, of the Brazilian Mission, led a gala reception to greet them.

After a tour of the Mission, President McKay attended a Mission-wide conference in San Paulo.

Flying next to Montevideo, Uruguay, President McKay, was feted at Church Headquarters in Pacitos, a beach resort town on the Plata River, and immediately plunged into a crowded calendar of engagements. A special service and a recital by a Uruguan L.D.S. chorus was given in his honour at the new chapel on the Boulevard Artigas. The chapel is still under construction, but part of the building is in use. Later President McKay laid the

chapel cornerstone.

Before leaving Uruguay, President McKay, met with missionaries and was feted at an "asado" barbecue, and attended a special Missionary Conference.

Arriving in Buenos Aires, Argentina, President McKay, met with President Juan D. Peron, who pledged his "willingness and eagerness" to help develop the work of the Church in Argentina. Foreign Minister Jeronimo Remorino, Gilbert Chase, Cultural Affairs Officer of the American Embassy, and other high officials attended the meeting. President McKay presented to President Peron a set of Church works, specially bound and inscribed.

After a week visiting in the Argentine Mission, President and Sister McKay visited Peru, where they were guests at Ft. Kobe, and Panama, and witnessed a baptismal service and attended other church meetings at Balboa and Panama City.

Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, Assistant to the Council of Twelve, and President of the Salt Lake Temple, met President McKay's party at Panama, and together they visited Guatemala City, Mexico City, and Los Angeles, California, before returning to Salt Lake City.

## CHURCH TO CONSTRUCT MICROFILM VAULT IN ROCKY MOUNTAINS

**I**T has now been officially confirmed that plans for a microfilm vault to be buried in the mountains near Salt Lake City are prepared and awaiting the

approval of President David O. McKay. The announcement came from L. Garrett Myers, superintendent, Church Genealogical Society.

Discussions were brought to light when Salt Lake County Commissioners were informed that a bank vault where their records now are stored lacks uniform temperature and humidity necessary for good preservation.

A mountainside location for a microfilm vault would be ideal, Mr. Myers explained. Building a vault at the right depth in the earth would be more economical than building the vault on the surface and adding all the necessary facilities.

Although constantly correct humidity (50 per cent.) and temperature (72 degrees) are the main reasons for considering a mountain location for a microfilm vault, protection against disaster would be another factor, it was pointed out.

"It isn't wise for a person to keep all his eggs in one basket," Mr. Myers commented. "If all microfilms were in one place they could be destroyed in a fire or even in war. But if several prints are in different locations, there is less possibility that all would be destroyed at the same time."

Salt Lake County commissioners said they will ask Church officials for permission to store their microfilm in the vault.

**P**EOPLE in the tracting area of the missionaries in Liverpool have become rather familiar with the faces of our Elders and Lady Missionaries. Many contacts and friends have been made, which

seem to have alarmed the Vicar in the neighbourhood church. In a little monthly magazine called "The Messenger", published by one of the churches under a title called "The Vicar's Message" is an article called "False Teachings" which says:

"Our parish at present is being taken by storm. It is being attacked by adherents of Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons and other strange sects from America. Whilst we admire their enthusiasm and tenacity, we must declare they are misguided. If what they say were true, it would be saying that the Christian Church throughout the world has been wrong for nearly 2,000 years and that the truth of God has suddenly been revealed to these strange sects.

It is not the first time that the Church has had to meet false teachings. Our Nicene Creed was formulated in the fourth century to combat heresy. We suggest to parishioners that next time they receive a caller, they point out respectfully that they belong to the Mother Church and accept her teaching."

**I**N Yorkshire they say that the "test of the pudding is in the taste," which is another way of saying, "by their fruits, ye shall know them."

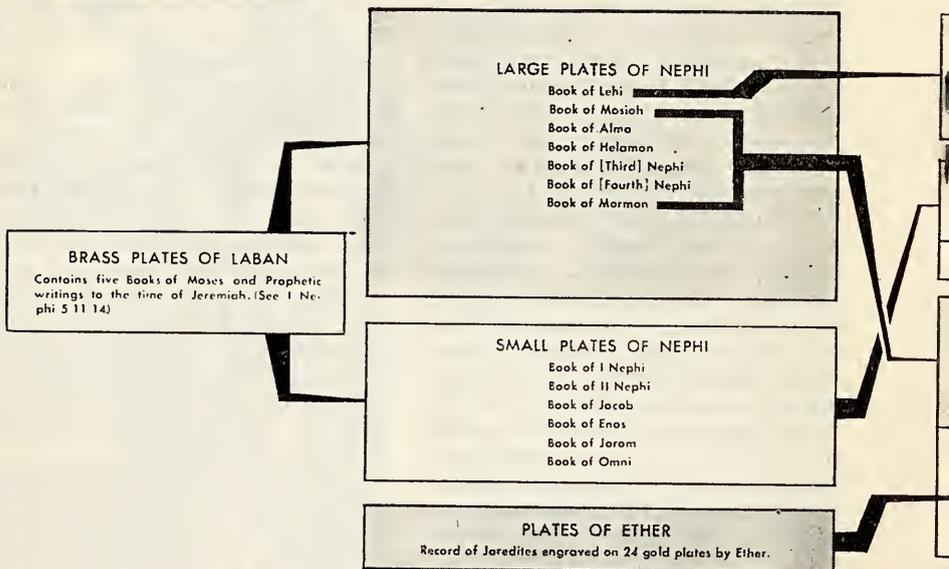
As a Church we stand under this measurement. How well we are doing was recently brought out in two different instances. One was a recent issue of "Look" Magazine which told of Howard Hughes, perhaps America's richest man, surrounding himself with "Mormon Assistants," because of their integrity and

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# COMPILATION OF THE

## PLATES BROUGHT FROM JERUSALEM

## SOURCE MATERIALS USED BY MORMON AND MORONI



### NOTES

#### BRASS PLATES OF LABAN

Portions were quoted by writers of the Small Plates of Nephi and to some extent by writers of the Large Plates of Nephi.

#### LARGE PLATES OF NEPHI

Made about 590 B.C. soon after arrival at the Promised Land. (See I Nephi 19:1-2) Used mainly for secular history until Small Plates of Nephi were filled in the days of Amaleki (Omni 30); thereafter they were used for both secular and religious history.

#### SMALL PLATES OF NEPHI

Made about 570 B.C. (See II Nephi 5:28-32) Contains the religious history of the Nephite people from Nephi to Amaleki. The Words of Mormon were added when the Small Plates of Nephi were included with the Plates of Mormon. (See Words of Mormon, verses 1 and 5.)

#### PLATES OF MORMON

Called Plates of Mormon because Mormon made them with his own hands. (See III Nephi 5:10-20.) It should be noted that Mormon's own little book written on the Plates of Marmon is his abridgment of the more extensive account of his life and times that he wrote earlier on the Large Plates of Nephi. (See Marmon 1:4, 2:17-18, 5:9.)

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# THE BOOK OF MORMON

## PLATES RECEIVED BY JOSEPH SMITH FROM MORONI

### PLATES OF MORMON

Mormon's abridgment of the Book of Lehi (See History of the Church, Vol. I, page 56. Translation comprising 116 pages last by Martin Harris.)

### SMALL PLATES OF NEPHI

Original plates inserted between or else attached to the Plates of Mormon.

The Words of Mormon

### PLATES OF MORMON (continued)

Continuation of Mormon's abridgment of the large Plates of Nephi (Books of Mosiah, Alma, Helaman, III Nephi, IV Nephi, Mormon, Chapters 1-7).

### PLATES OF MORMON CONTINUED BY MORONI

Book of Mormon (Chapters 8-9).  
Book of Ether (Moroni's abridgment of and commentary on the Jaredite record).  
Book of Moroni.

### SEALED PORTION

Comprises approximately 25 of the records received by Joseph Smith.

## BOOK OF MORMON IN ITS PRESENT TRANSLATED FORM

Pages 1-133

Pages 134-472

Pages 472-522



THE LOS ANGELES TEMPLE  
ANGEL MORONI STATUE

DIMENSIONS ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF TRUE SIZES OF PLATES

## Our Old and Faithful Sisters

THE British Mission is proud of its aged sisters throughout Great Britain and Ireland whose faith and testimony remain so strong and are an inspiration to the membership here. Many have retained their connection with Relief Society work and are only prevented from active participation by reason of age and infirmity.

News recently came to the "Star" of three of these dear ladies who were members of the Relief Society organisation as far back as 1895. President Carl Borup, only recently released from the Presidency of the Leeds District, tells us that while checking branch records not long ago for the purpose of segregating age groups he was amazed to find more than eighty people in the Bradford Branch who were born before 1900, the oldest of them being Sister Emma Ackroyd who is 97 years old. President Borup went out to see her and found her living with her daughter, Sister Sarah Jane Walker who herself is 75 years old.

Her father was present at the laying of the first stone for the Salt Lake Temple and returned to England later.

It is touching to note that before any chatting was allowed these two faithful sisters produced a box and from it gave Elder Borup their tithing that they had been saving for some time, waiting for one of the Priesthood to call and collect it. But for these sisters that was not enough, and they were happy to hand President Borup a con-

tribution towards the building of our Temple in England. May the Lord bless these Sisters and preserve them in their ageing years for their faithfulness, indeed, that they may be spared yet to see that Temple that we are all now longing to see.

The group photo shows the Bradford Relief Society in 1895 and includes Sister Ackroyd, her daughter by her first marriage, Sister Walker and Sister Ackroyd's mother, Sister Nancy Schoffield. Sister Ackroyd was baptised at the age of nine years in 1865 and has therefore been a member of the Church for nigh on ninety years! (Is this not a record?) Her daughter was baptised in 1890 when she was eleven giving her sixty-four years membership.

Elder Borup also went out to see Sister Annie Virr, who is to be seen in the picture too. Sister Virr reached her 88th birthday in February of this year. When Elder Borup arrived to visit her she was being interviewed by a Welfare Official, but the old sister was so delighted to see the missionaries that she asked the official to go away and come back another time as she wanted to have as much time as possible with the Elders. Elder Borup records that he was truly amazed at her memory regarding the early days of her membership and the persecutions suffered in those early days of Mormonism in England, while her quoting of scripture and knowledge of Church Doctrines was quite remarkable. She was baptised in 1893 and has 61 years of mem-





Sister Emma Ackroyd  
Sister Sarah Jane Walker



Sister Annie Virr

bership to her credit.

That these dear old ladies can exhibit such faith in the twilight of their lives must be an inspiration to the younger members of the Church today. And not only is the term "younger" used in relation to the youth in the Church today but to our newer converts to the Gospel. These old people are but examples of many others who have found the Gospel worth holding on to.

Moreover, they have expressed

their faith by contributions to a cause for which the British Mission has long treasured hopes, and by obedience to the Law of Tithing.

President Borup writes: "It is my prayer that Priesthood members throughout all the branches in the British Mission will visit these elderly people and show them they are not forgotten, and express our appreciation for the things they have done in the past. It will give us the desire to work harder and stay active in the Church all our lives."

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willingness to tackle any job regardless of how difficult. The other was the report that J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I. observed: "If Congress knew how many Mormons we

had in the F.B.I. there would be a Congressional investigation."

Integrity and service mark the character of the Church as exemplified by its members. It is the obligation of all adherents to the gospel to be exemplary.

This article represents the reflections of one having almost forty years of Sunday School membership to his credit. Wanting others to enjoy experiences similar to his own he says:

## I Recommend the Sunday School

LONG years of Sunday School membership bring rich and varied experiences. Every member of the Church should—to the extent of his capacity—work for and in the Sunday School, in order to develop spiritually. The Master Himself revealed the necessity of this great work and we should cultivate the habit of going to Sunday School where we are taught the principles of life and salvation. “A man cannot be saved in ignorance” nor is he saved any faster than he gains knowledge. Hence the Sunday School which helps us to be wiser today than we were yesterday.

The growth of the Church depends upon the strength of the Sunday School which in turn can only be improved by an increase in adult members. Adults attending Sunday School with their children will build a close relationship with them and share rich spiritual experiences which those who do not attend can never know. There is, for example, the joy of hearing one's child pray unto our Father in Heaven, or give a short talk; and the beauty of the Sacrament is indeed increased when taken in the presence of our loved ones.

It has been said “Make the shoes to walk with today rather than the wings you would fly with tomorrow.” How true! And how essential to progression that we realise the fact that **now** is

the accepted time to perform our labours and prepare ourselves for the glories of the hereafter. Time is too precious to be wasted and it cannot be recalled. What better place can we choose in which to serve than the Sunday School, utilising our time to the very best advantage by mingling with the Saints of God and praising His Holy Name. We must live worthily today and the future will take care of itself.

Joy and happiness come to all who regularly participate in the Sunday School programmes prepared for our learning and advancement. What more thrilling than to join in singing praises to our Father in Heaven for His goodness and mercy unto us? We should humbly thank God for the blessings of the Sunday School and the privilege of learning with children with whom we joyfully blend our voices in song. For we must indeed become as a little child if we would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Humility and trust in God for both adults and children are established more firmly through the ties of Sunday School.

Haste to the Sunday School,  
Come, come, come,  
Why will you waiting stand,  
Come join our union band,  
Gladly we'll take your hand,  
Come, come, come.

# Relief Society Guide

## Statements from R.S. Magazine Lessons

### Theology

Characters and Teachings of the Book of Mormon.

Alma the Elder — Mosiah chapter 18:23-26.

Alma established the Church of Jesus Christ, and shows how the influence and power for good were exercised following his repentance.

He commanded his people to teach those things pertaining to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. He also said "that there should be no contention, one with another" . . . and having their hearts knit together in unity and love one towards another.

How tolerant and forgiving should we be of others mistakes?

"Judge not that ye be not judged" was the counsel Jesus gave.

### Visiting Teachers Message

Read Mosiah 12:27 to become acquainted with the understanding of God's plan for His fellow-men.

The advice concerning the study of the Book of Mormon found in Moroni 10:4 will be a guide to understanding the word of God.

### Work Meeting

Spending the home furnishing \$.

Window treatments, curtains, draperies.

You will read with interest the article pertaining to window furnishings. With so many new materials and synthetic fabrics

coming on the market with new patterns and designs—a wide selection is afforded us for more attractive window coverings, which can add so much to a home.

Clean curtains regularly. Soil, dust and grime are much harder on curtains than is cleaning.

Worthwhile suggestions are given at the conclusion of this lesson, on page 851, December, 1953, Relief Society Magazine.

### Literature of England

Robert Browning, who lived from 1812-1889, has been acknowledged as one of the greatest Victorian poets. He has been admired far more in 60 odd years since his death than he was in the 60 years of his life. His love and admiration for Elizabeth Barrett, whom he married in 1846 had a great influence on his life and writings.

From Pippa Passes is quoted: "God's in His Heaven—

All's right with the world!"

Obtain a book, read some of Browning's contributions to literature. He expresses many of our Gospel teachings in his outlook on life.

### Social Science

Beginning with the February issue of the Star, "Signs of the Times" by Joseph Fielding Smith will be outlined and presented for lessons in lieu of those in R.S. Magazines for the next few months—if you wish to use them.

We hope this course will be

valuable to you. If you do not use this material now give it on extra days or through your summer meetings.

Lesson 3: outlined in the Millennial Star—"The Brother of Jared and Ether," The Signs of the Times, pp. 14-19. The Book of Mormon Ether, chap. 3-4.

Aim: Through prayerful study, we will understand that the Lord revealed to such leaders as the brother of Jared and Ether many truths, some of which have been proclaimed as a warning to us, to help us that we may be prepared to endure these days of tribulation and be worthy to stand before the Saviour at the last day.

### LESSON THREE

#### Revealed to Brother of Jared

Once again the Lord revealed to an ancient prophet this history from the beginning to the end of time. When the brother of Jared went up in the mountain with the sixteen small stones and asked the Lord to touch them so that they would shine and give light in the barges as the Jaredites crossed the great waters, so great was his faith that he saw the finger of the Lord. Evidently before this visitation he did not know as much about the person of the Lord as we do today. He fell to the ground with astonishment and after he gained control of himself and had been assured by the Lord, he asked that the Lord reveal His whole body to him, and this Jesus did, for it was Jesus Christ who touched these stones. Now if any one present thinks for a moment that our Saviour had a body of flesh and bones before

He was born a babe in Bethlehem, I want to say to you that this was the **body of His spirit** which the brother of Jared saw and it was in the same form and likeness which His body received when He came in the flesh upon the earth.

Our Redeemer had no body of flesh and bones until He came upon this earth, and all the mighty works that He did before that time were done while He was a spirit. When the brother of Jared saw the body of the Lord and conversed with Him, the Lord commanded Him to write in a language which no man could read all that the Lord revealed to him, and this revelation was the history of the earth by prophecy from the beginning to the end thereof.

#### Saw All Things

Like Enoch, the brother of Jared saw all things, but he was commanded to seal up this record, the Lord saying unto him that He would give to him two stones which he would also seal up with this record and in the due time of the Lord these stones would be the means by which the record would be translated.

Nephi speaking of the record of the Nephites said:

"And behold, the book shall be sealed and in the book shall be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof.

"Wherefore because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. Wherefore the book shall be kept from them."

However, the promise is made

that the day will come when the contents of this book will be revealed from the house tops, "and they shall be read by the power of Christ and all things shall be revealed unto the children of men which ever have been among the children of men, and which ever will be even unto the end of the earth."

### **The Wicked Would Mock**

The world in its wickedness would only mock at these things and say that they are not true, if they were revealed, for the wise men of the earth would say such things are foolishness and contrary to their worldly theories. Yes, even members of the Church, unless their hearts are pure and free from all evil would not be able to receive them. For this reason they cannot be had until that day arrives when we are all willing to abide in the truth with full confidence in the revelations of the Lord. After the Lord appeared to the Nephites, these things were revealed and they had them in those days when they were of one heart and of one mind and had "the Love of God in their hearts," but after they began to transgress the laws of the Lord the prophets were commanded to seal them up again, and the Lord said:

"They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.

"And in that day that they shall exercise faith in Me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in Me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw,

even to the unfolding unto them all My revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are."

### **Revealed to Ether**

A few of the things that were seen and which have a bearing upon our day have already been mentioned in the revelations given to Enoch. Another ancient prophet, Ether, also a Jaredite, had the heavens opened to his view, and the Lord made known to him many things that the brother of Jared saw, but not all. Ether saw our day. He saw the wars, bloodshed, tribulations following the coming of Jesus Christ and the Lord revealed to him the people of Israel and the building of the city of Jerusalem and even the name of the city was made known to him. The redemption made by Jesus Christ was shown to him and he saw in the last days the coming of our Lord in power and great glory to establish His reign upon the earth after the great days of tribulation and suffering poured out upon the wicked. He saw the City Zion, or "New Jerusalem," and declared that it would be built upon the western continent. He saw the coming of the new heaven and the new earth, which means the restoration of the earth to its primitive cleanliness and condition at the coming of Jesus Christ, which is to be a part of the great restoration of all things. He saw the reign of peace for a thousand years and the final destiny of the earth when it shall be celestialised to shine as the sun,

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# District Activities

## NOTTINGHAM

A fine social was held in the **Hucknall** branch, during the first week of January in aid of their growing Building Fund. Many visitors from other branches attended and President E. A. Wright worked very hard to keep everyone entertained with delightful games. Entertainment comprised several short acts and songs as well as a Pageant of Events of 1953.

## BRISTOL

**Weston - super - Mare** branch, though small, is proud to report all Auxiliaries in action for 1954. The branch is to be blessed with a meeting-house of its own, and a large expanse of garden attached to the site has set the Priesthood working on a welfare project. At the end of January the branch held a welcome and farewell party for Sisters Elizabeth Easton and Vivian Brooks. Weston bids a hearty welcome to Sister Easton but will miss the departing Sister Brooks.

## LIVERPOOL

Sister Dorothy Shorrock, wife of President Herbert Shorrock of **Blackburn**, has been shown several honours in the town in which they reside. Having travelled extensively, she was invited to talk on India to a Temperance Mission Group. During the afternoon, when tea was served, a good opportunity arose to explain our beliefs in connection with the Word of Wisdom and other tenets of the Gospel. She has since been invited to join their discussions and has been asked to talk four

times, always being treated with the utmost warmth and friendliness. Sister Shorrock has spoken several times in other churches in Blackburn. She attributes these opportunities to promises received in her patriarchal blessing and her training in Sunday School and M.I.A.

At a meeting for **Liverpool District officers** on January 23rd, a dinner was served, prepared by Sister Sessions, assisted by lady missionaries, Sisters Oviatt and Calderwood. About 32 were present which represented 100 per cent. attendance. Sister Virginia Cott, District Music Supervisor led the group in songs to be sung at District Conference while President Samuel E. Sessions gave timely advice and instructions.

## MANCHESTER

Sister Florence Alsop resigned from the position of Secretary in the Relief Society of the **Hyde** branch owing to ill health. She has been replaced by Sister Jessie Heginbottom.

## NORWICH

**Lowestoft** branch reports re-organisation of their Sunday School. Brother Frank Coleby has been sustained as Superintendent with Sister Constance Sparham as First Assistant and Sister Mary Adams as Second Assistant. Brother Sidney Coleby received a beautiful leather wallet from the Sunday School members in recognition of his services to the organisation over a number of years past. The Genealogical Group in the branch has been strengthened

by the appointment of Sister Alice Daniels as Counsellor to Sister Gertrude Belton and Brother Leonard Bell as Secretary. A branch "Get-together" Social was held on January 13th and nearly 40 friends and members gathered to enjoy songs and games. Refreshments were served by the M.I.A.



### LEEDS

On January 9th Leeds District held their first Welfare Convention in the Bradford Chapel. At a meeting held in the afternoon the speakers were to be commended on the fine speeches rendered which were of great practical value to those present. There followed an exhibition of work done by Welfare workers in all the branches of the District. A Proficiency Shield was awarded to the Leeds branch for efficient organisation and good work

accomplished under the Welfare Plan. All proceeds from the sale of work will be passed to the

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### 1954 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Spring			Autumn
February 21st	...	Military Service Men	August 1st
March 7th	...	Ireland	August 8th
March 14th	...	Liverpool	August 15th
March 21st	...	London	August 22nd
March 28th	...	Norwich	August 29th
April 4th	...	Birmingham	September 5th
April 11th	...	Scotland	September 12th
April 18th	...	Wales	September 19th
April 25th	...	Hull	September 26th
May 2nd	...	Bristol	October 3rd
May 9th	...	Newcastle	October 10th
May 16th	...	Leeds	October 17th
May 23rd	...	Nottingham	October 24th
May 30th	...	Manchester	October 31st
June 6th	...	Sheffield	November 7th

Sunday School and Genealogical Annual Conventions will be held with the spring conferences.

M.I.A. and Primary Annual Conventions will be held with the Autumn Conferences.

# Salvation for the Dead

"For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit." (1 Peter 4:6.)

**I**N this passage of scripture we learn that when man dies he goes to a place where the Gospel can be preached to him.

Countless thousands often wonder what has happened to the people who died without being baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ and may I here add that baptism by immersion is the only mode acceptable.

The late learned Cardinal Gibbons on his discourse on baptism (Faith of Our Fathers) has this to say:

"But if baptism by immersion only is valid, how many sick and delicate persons, how many prisoners and seafaring people, how many thousands living in the frigid zone, or even in the temperate zone, in the depth of an inclement weather, though craving the grace of regeneration would be deprived of God's seal, or would receive it at the risk of their lives. Surely God does not ordinarily impose His ordinances upon us under such a penalty.

"Moreover if immersion is the only valid form of baptism, what has become of the millions of souls, who in every age and country have been regenerated by the infusion or aspersion of water in the Christian Church?"

Yes, what has become of these people? The Christian Churches of today would condemn all people who had died without this regeneration.

In the early days of the primi-



tive church the only mode of baptism was by immersion, not by Aspersion, Infusion, Desire or Baptism by His Own Blood.

Tertullian, one of the Great Latin Fathers has this to say of baptism. "A little before we enter the water in the presence of the congregation, and under the hand of the President, we make a solemn profession that we renounce the Devil and all his Angels. Upon this we are thrice immersed, when we come out of the water. (Early Church History, by Backhouse Taylor.) Incidentally the English Church immersed only once.

May I be privileged to say that surely our learned Cardinal knows that every child and adult upon this earth or that has ever lived upon the earth is a son and daughter of our Father in Heaven and that His Son Jesus Christ died for us that we might return back to Him.

Are the people that died without hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and consequently were not baptised by immersion condemned to eternal damnation? Would our Heavenly Father condemn a person who never had the chance of hearing the Gospel?

In the first book of Nephi, chapter 3, verse 7, "for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way

for them, that they may accomplish the thing which he commanded them."

Our Father in Heaven has prepared a way for all who have not had a chance of hearing the Gospel and being baptised.

To Nicodemus the Saviour said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." (John 3:5.)

How can a person that has died never having heard the Gospel and not been baptised be saved? The first half the question has been answered at the head of this article, 1 Peter 4:6. He shall have the Gospel preached unto him. Now, how can he be baptised, as this is an earthly ordinance? The Apostle Paul, that great apostle to the Gentiles, remarked in his epistle to the Corinthians, "Else what shall they do that are baptised for the dead if the dead rise not at all, why are they then baptised for the dead." That answers the second half of the question.

It is quite evident that in the early days of Christianity, they had a means whereby the dead were baptised which is not carried out in the Christian Churches today. Where they received a revelation to discontinue this holy ordinance and when I don't know.

The late Bishop Barnes, that great mathematician and learned scholar of the Church of England had this to say about 1 Cor. 15:29:

"A curious development in the early church appears to have been the baptism of the dead by proxy. We find mention of it in the tract of the resurrection

which now forms parts of the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

"Unsuccessful attempts have been made to show that the translation conveys a wrong meaning, but evidently it was felt unfair that those who had died before having had knowledge that they could obtain redemption to eternal life by baptism should be excluded from regeneration. They were therefore baptised by proxy." ("The Rise of Christianity" by Bishop Barnes.)

Our Father in Heaven has provided a way even for those who have died without a knowledge of the Gospel.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints still perform that ordinance in the Temples of the Most High.

"We have a mission to perform for, and in their behalf; we have a certain work to do in order to liberate those who, because of their ignorance and the unfavourable circumstances in which they were placed while here, are unprepared for eternal life. We have to open the door for them by performing ordinances which they cannot perform for themselves and which are essential to their release from the prison house, to come forth and live according to God in the Spirit and be judged according to God in the flesh." (Gospel Doctrine, page 442.)

The dead can hear the Gospel; the dead can be baptised for, but the baptism part rests entirely with you. If you do not take part in the glorious work for your dead, search out your ancestors, and have their names sent to the temple for baptisms, you

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# Missionary Activities



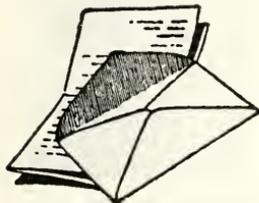
## Arrivals

	From	To
28th January, 1954		
Sister Lily Card Clark	Bountiful, Utah	London
Sister Dorothy Eileen O'Neil	Kaysville, Utah	London Office
Sister LuBeth Thomas	Fair Oaks, California	Scotland
Elder Robert Wilson Hayes	Bountiful, Utah	Wales
Elder Robert Berrett	Salt Lake City, Utah	Manchester
16th February, 1954		
Elder Robert Wayne Cutler	Corinne, Utah	Hull
Elder Robert Adam Duncan	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Lawrence Glenn Handy	San Diego, California	Newcastle
Elder Clarence Edward McBride	Pima, Arizona	London
22nd February, 1954		
Sister Cora L. Preece	Bountiful, Utah	Norwich
Elder William Vernon Preece	Bountiful, Utah	Norwich
Elder Kenneth Stirland	Tremonton, Utah	Sheffield



## Transfers

	From	To
27th January, 1954		
Elder Heber D. Clark	Wales	London
19th February, 1954		
Elder Charles H. Barndt	London	Newcastle
22nd February, 1954		
Sister Vivian Louise Brooks	Bristol	Scotland
Elder Terry E. Harrop	Newcastle	Wales
Elder Murray S. McInnis	Hull	Newcastle



## Appointments

- Elder Louis S. Cook was appointed president of the Hull District, January 28th, 1954.
- Elder Maurice Leon Benson was appointed president of the London District, February 19th, 1954.
- Elder Ronald H. Brady, was appointed British Mission Secretary, February 22nd, 1954.



## Releases



**Lester C. Oviatt**  
Hartleyville, Alberta,  
Canada.

Served in the London District and as Mission Secretary. Released 21st February, 1954.



**M. Anne & Glen E. Parsons**

Ogden, Utah, U.S.A.  
Served in Newcastle and Birmingham. Released 3rd February, 1954.



**Catherine Erskine**  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
U.S.A.

Served in Bristol and Scotland. Released 28th February, 1954.



**Jack Chipman**  
Welling, Alberta, Canada

Served in Hull, Bristol and Sheffield. Released 28th February, 1954.



**Mark Chipman**  
Welling, Alberta, Canada

Served in London, Newcastle, Nottingham. Released 28th February, 1954.



**Robert Tagg**  
Cardiff, Alberta, Canada

Served in Leeds, and District President of Hull. Released 28th February, 1954.



**Burl Shepherd**  
Cardston, Alberta,  
Canada.

Served in Scotland and the Mission Office. Released 20th January, 1954.



**Carl S. Borup**  
Boise, Idaho, U.S.A.

Served in Bristol, Manchester and as District President of Leeds. Released 18th February, 1954.



**Robert T. Wagstaff**  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
U.S.A.

Served in Bristol, Hull, Norwich and Ireland. Released 28th February, 1954.



**George Erskine**  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
U.S.A.

Served in Bristol and  
as District President of  
Scotland. Released 28th  
February, 1954.



**David J. Burbank**  
Barnwell, Alberta,  
Canada.

Served in Birmingham  
and Leeds. Released  
28th February, 1954.



**Lilian Clark**  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
U.S.A.

Served in Norwich and  
Mission Office. Released  
28th February, 1954.



**Florence Irene Maltzan**  
N. Hollywood, California,  
U.S.A.

Served in Scotland,  
Wales, Newcastle and  
London. Released 18th  
February, 1954.



**Bryant K. Christensen**  
Calgary, Alberta,  
Canada.

Served in Wales, Hull  
and as District President  
of Ireland. Released  
28th February, 1954.



**John B. Wilcox**  
Calgary, Alberta,  
Canada.

Served in Hull and as  
District President of  
Manchester. Released  
28th February, 1954.



**Donald Gray**  
Hawthorne, California.

Served in Scotland.  
Released 28th February,  
1954.

What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others?

**George Eliot**

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and Moroni who recorded this history says he was about to write more but the Lord forbade him, and therefore the members of the Church as well as the rest of the world which shall be spared when the cleansing comes, will have to wait until that day to have the fulness of these records. Surely we will be greatly astonished, if we are found worthy to receive them, for we will find these things very different in many respects to the philosophies and theories of the world.

### Conclusion

Perhaps you think this that I have said has very little to do with the signs of the times as they concern us today. However, I feel that it is well to get this fact before us at the starting point, that the Lord knew the end from the beginning that He has revealed His secrets to His servants the prophets and while much that was revealed in the beginning is still sealed up and cannot come forth in these days of wickedness, nevertheless the Lord has made known His purposes from time to time, and He has declared many things which have been proclaimed as a warning to us, and to help us that we may be prepared to endure these days of tribulation and be worthy to stand before Him at the last day when He comes.

In the talks which shall follow we will try to discover in the prophecies, the predictions in relation to the restoring of all things to their primitive condition, and the judgments which are to precede the coming of our Lord.

May the Lord bless you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Mission Welfare Fund. The day was rounded off with a happy social in the evening and all were impressed with the progress of Welfare Work in the Leeds District during the past year.

The Union Meeting held in the Leeds District on January 21st was followed by a splendid programme presented by the Wakefield branch. This branch is to be especially congratulated on their outstanding effort since they have only been recently organised but are going ahead.

It was with sadness that the District said goodbye to President and Sister Borup and Elder Burbank who have completed their Missionary labours there.

### BIRTHS

To Sister Joyce Grimshaw and Brother Dennis Grimshaw, a daughter on December 11th, 1953. The baby will be named Nancy Cinareg.

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will have a miserable life on the other side.

If we will just stop and think that our ancestors have been there years upon years and perhaps accepted the gospel, all they need is baptism by proxy and they can then progress. Surely if we have love in our hearts as the Saviour taught us, we will go forward and see that we do not stop their progression, and see that we will do our best in this glorious work of Salvation for our Dead.

**Brother W. Clark**  
Wythenshawe Branch

## RELIEF SOCIETY—1842

In musing mood I seem to see  
    Those sisters gathered round;  
And I am sure that in their hearts  
    Naught did but love abound.

Poor Emma, though she stayed not through,  
    Fulfilled her purpose then;  
And dearest Aunt Eliza did  
    The minutes surely pen.

Up in that room above the store,  
    Full of the Spirit of Christ,  
Our noble Prophet charged  
    Them each to memorise this tryst.

What finer aim can man suggest,  
    Than to succour the weak and poor;  
For this is religion, undefiled,  
    We're told in Scripture's law.

I reverence the memory of those dear souls,  
    And the thousands who've followed their lead  
God bless our own Society  
    Who relieve mankind in need.

**James P. Hill**



**Joseph Smith Store, Nauvoo, Illinois**  
**Birthplace of Relief Society, March, 1842**

In the spring of 1842, a maiden lady (Miss Cook) was seamstress for me, and the subject of combining our efforts for assisting the temple hands came up in conversation. She desired to be helpful, but had no means to furnish. I told her I would furnish material if she would make some shirts for the workmen. It was then suggested that some of the neighbours might wish to combine means and efforts with ours, and we decided to invite a few to come and consult with us the subject of forming a Ladies' Society. The neighbouring sisters met in my parlour and decided to organise. I was delegated to call on Sister Eliza R. Snow and ask her to write for us a constitution and by-laws and submit them to President Joseph Smith prior to our next Thursday's meeting. She cheerfully responded, and when she read them to him he replied that the constitution and by-laws were the best he had ever seen. "But," he said, "this is not what you want. Tell the sisters their offering is accepted of the Lord, and He has something better for them than a written constitution. Invite them all to meet me and a few of the brethren in the Masonic Hall over my store next Thursday afternoon and I will organise the sisters under the Priesthood after a pattern of the Priesthood." He further said, "This Church was never perfectly organised until the women were thus organised."

**Sarah M. Kimball**

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